UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS EAST ST. LOUIS DIVISION

HOYT WARRENFELTZ,)
Plaintiff,)
v.)) No.
PORTFOLIO RECOVERY)
ASSOCIATES, LLC,)
Defendant.)

PLAINTIFF'S COMPLAINT AND DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

HOYT WARRENFELTZ (Plaintiff), through his attorneys, KROHN & MOSS, LTD., alleges the following against PORTFOLIO RECOVERY ASSOCIATES, LLC, (Defendant):

INTRODUCTION

- 1. Plaintiff's Complaint is based on the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, *15 U.S.C. 1692 et seq.* (FDCPA).
- 2. Defendant acted through its agents, employees, officers, members, directors, heirs, successors, assigns, principals, trustees, sureties, subrogees, representatives, and insurers.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 3. Jurisdiction of this court arises pursuant to 15 U.S.C. 1692k(d), which states that such actions may be brought and heard before "any appropriate United States district court without regard to the amount in controversy."
- 4. Defendant is located in and conducts business in the state of Illinois, and therefore, personal jurisdiction is established.

5. Venue is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 1391(b)(2).

PARTIES

- 6. Plaintiff is a natural person residing in Edwardsville, Madison County, Illinois.
- 7. Plaintiff is a consumer as that term is defined by 15 U.S.C. 1692a(3), and according to Defendant, Plaintiff allegedly owes a debt as that term is defined by 15 U.S.C. 1692a(5).
- 8. Defendant is a debt collector as that term is defined by 15 U.S.C. 1692a(6), and sought to collect a consumer debt from Plaintiff.
- 9. Defendant is a collection agency located in Norfolk, Virginia.
- 10. Defendant is a collection agency that in the ordinary course of business, regularly, on behalf of itself or others, engages in debt collection.

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

- 11. Defendant is collecting from Plaintiff on a debt allegedly owed to Prudential Bank.
- 12. In or around August of 2010, Defendant began placing collection calls Plaintiff from multiple numbers that include 1-205-588-8181, 1-407-347-4014, 1-404-592-5171, 1-757-961-3544, 1-412-282-1420, 1-407-347-4014 and 1-404-592-5171.
- 13. Plaintiff told Defendant that he denies owing the debt and to stop calling at least four times between August of 2010 and December of 2010.
- 14. Plaintiff again told Defendant to stop calling on January 26, 2011.
- 15. Defendant continues to place collection calls to Plaintiff despite Plaintiff telling Defendant to stop calling.

COUNT I DEFENDANT VIOLATED THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT

- 16. Defendant violated the FDCPA based on the following:
 - a. Defendant violated §1692d of the FDCPA by engaging in conduct the natural consequence of which is to harass, oppress, and/or abuse the Plaintiff.
 - b. Defendant violated §1692d(5) of the FDCPA by causing a telephone to ring repeatedly and continuously with the intent to annoy, abuse, and harass Plaintiff.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, HOYT WARRENFELTZ, respectfully requests judgment be entered against Defendant, PORTFOLIO RECOVERY ASSOCIATES, LLC, for the following:

- 17. Statutory damages of \$1000.00 pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, *15 U.S.C. 1692k*,
- 18. Costs and reasonable attorneys' fees pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, *15 U.S.C.* 1692k
- 19. Any other relief that this Honorable Court deems appropriate.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

by: /s/ Adam T. Hill
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DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Plaintiff, HOYT WARRENFELTZ, demands a jury trial in this case.

VERIFICATION OF COMPLAINT AND CERTIFICATION

STATE OF ILLINOIS

Plaintiff, HOYT WARRENFELTZ, states the following:

- 1. I am the Plaintiff in this civil proceeding.
- 2. I have read the above-entitled civil Complaint prepared by my attorneys and I believe that all of the facts contained in it are true, to the best of my knowledge, information and belief formed after reasonable inquiry.
- 3. I believe that this civil Complaint is well grounded in fact and warranted by existing law or by a good faith argument for the extension, modification or reversal of existing law.
- 4. I believe that this civil Complaint is not interposed for any improper purpose, such as to harass any Defendant(s), cause unnecessary delay to any Defendant(s), or create a needless increase in the cost of litigation to any Defendant(s), named in the Complaint.
- 5. I have filed this Complaint in good faith and solely for the purposes set forth in it.
- 6. Each and every exhibit I have provided to my attorneys which has been attached to this Complaint is a true and correct copy of the original.
- 7. Except for clearly indicated reductions made by my attorneys where appropriate. I have not altered, changed, modified or fabricated these exhibits, except that some of the attached exhibits may contain some of my own handwritten notations.

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746(2), I, HOYT WARRENFELTZ, hereby declare (or certify, verify or state) under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct

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